MR. G. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): May I know when Government adopted the policy mentioned in answer to clause (*b*) of the question?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): That policy was brought up for the consideration of the Government in 1099 in the Administration Report and it was accepted by the Government.

Prosecuting Inspectors.

166. **MR. C. P. TARAKAN** (*Kunnatnad*): Will the Government be pleased to remove the Prosecuting Inspectors from the Police Department and place them under the control of the Head Sirkar Vakil?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Government consider the continuance of the control of the Police Commissioner over the Prosecuting Inspectors desirable in the interests of economy and efficient supervision.

Cattle-Trespass.

167. **MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Ambalapuzha*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have taken any step to minimise and prevent the straying of sheep and cattle on the public roads at Trivandrum?

(*b*) Was any action taken with respect to the Kalpalakadavu road about which the attention of the Government was invited to this particular question at the last meeting of the Council?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The Commissioner of Police and the Municipal President, Trivandrum, have definite instructions to take necessary action to prevent the nuisance in question. In the town of Trivandrum, 29 cases have been prosecuted and 320 head of cattle impounded by the Police during 1101.

(*b*) The same amount of attention is paid to the Kalpalakadavu road as to the other roads.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): May I know with respect to the answer to part (*b*) whether there has been any case of prosecution in respect of any sheep or cattle straying on the Kalpalakadavu road and further whether there has been any case of impounding with respect to cattle or sheep straying on that road?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Government have no information separately as regards the sheep and cattle impounded from Kalpalakadavu.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): Then, on what basis is the answer given—that the same amount of attention is paid to the Kalpalakadavu road as to the other roads?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The instructions issued by the Municipality and the Police Department are general and therefore applicable to all the roads.

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MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): Is the Chief Secretary in a position to enlighten me in which part of the roads in Trivandrum the prosecutions and the impounding referred to in the answer were resorted to?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Government have no information at present.

Appointments in the Co-operative Department.

168. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that a letter has been sent over the signature of the Chief Secretary directing the Registrar of Co-operative Societies to appoint only Syrian Christians in important centres?

(*b*) Was the letter approved by the Dewan?

(*c*) Is it a fact that the Registrar of Co-operative Societies has issued a circular to his subordinates directing them not to recommend the registration of societies formed of a particular community?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) In regard to the posting of Inspectors in the Co-operative Department, Government ordered that Syrian Christians should be posted in the Kottayam Division and other parts where they are in large numbers and Tamilians in the Southern Districts, on the principle that in co-operative work people are likely to respond better to their own folk. This order was communicated by the Chief Secretary to Government.

(*b*) Letters issuing from the Huzur Office are not *all* previously seen by the Dewan but are based upon orders passed by him.

(*c*) A copy of Circular* No. 99, dated the 14th April 1925, issued by the Registrar of Co-operative Societies, is placed on the table. The Member will observe that that circular does not direct the subordinates of the Co-operative Department "not to recommend the registration of societies formed of a particular community" but only proposes the adoption of the procedure in respect of such applications laid down in the Madras Co-operative Manual and emphasises the need for discouraging such clannish societies having regard to the broader aspects of the movement. It is necessary to add that, so long ago as December 1919, Government, in their review on the report of the Co-operative Department for 1094 M. E., endorsed the view of the Registrar "that co-operative societies formed on a communal basis are generally to be deprecated" and that, of the 243 societies registered since the issue of the circular till February 1926, 45 societies were communal in their constitution.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether there is any provision in the letter to appoint members of other communities in taluks where those communities are in a majority? That is, in taluks where the Syrian Christians are in a majority it has been ordered that only Syrian Christian Inspectors are to be appointed.

* *Vide* Appendix I—page 618.

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